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Nightmare Elevator

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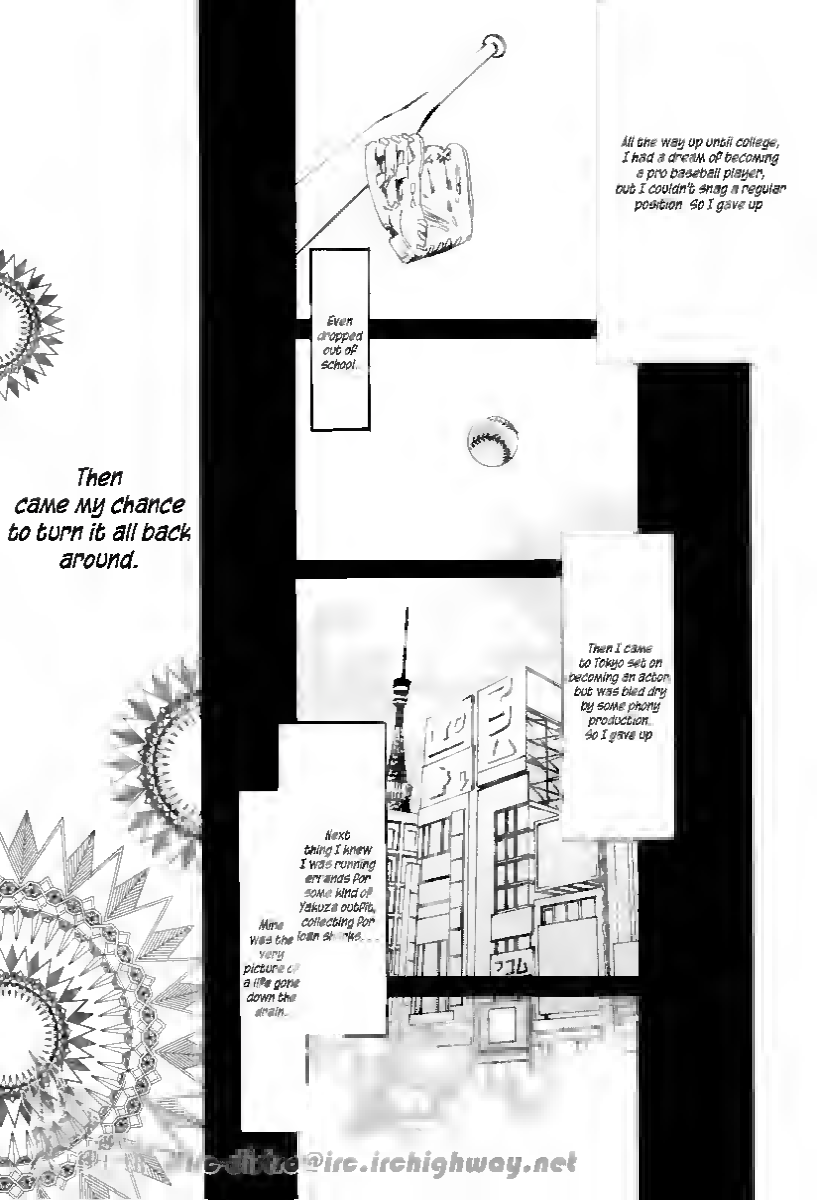
All the way up until college, I had a dream of becoming a pro baseball player, but I couldn't snag a regular position. So I gave up
Even dropped out of school...
Then came my chance to turn it all back around.
Then I came to Tokyo set on becoming an actor, but was bled dry by some phony production. So I gave up
Next thing I knew I was running errands for some kind of Yakuza outfit, collecting for loan sharks...
Mine was the very picture of a life gone down the drain...
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The elevator?
Sorry, who are you?
I live in this mansion
What?
My head?
Hey don't strain yourself Man
You banged your head pretty bad
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!?

The elevator started to free fall right after you got on
The impact made you bang your head and you passed out
The elevator suddenly stopped
Um
How long was I out?
I mean, we really thought you were dead!
Made one hell of a noise, too!!
Twenty minutes, maybe?
TWENTY MINUTES ?!

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Where could I have?!
Dammit, I can't remember what happened after that.
After talking to Manami I split with Yôko and headed straight for the elevator.
I was freaking out, after all...
So does that mean it's gotta be right in front of the elevator?
I'm sorry,
but somebody please lend me their phone!
I've got to make a call in a hurry and...
Sorry
Mine's outta juice
I don't have mine either
I was only planning to go to the convenience store...
UM...
What about you?
I don't have a phone
Like I'd even want one

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That is to say
There's no way of contacting the outside world
But that's
It's alright somebody's bound to notice eventually
Let's just wait it out peacefully
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING!

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CALL THE POLICE!
ANYBODY! PLEASE OPEN THIS THING!
HEY,
SOMEBODY! IS ANYBODY OUT THERE?!
WE'RE STUCK IN THE ELEVATOR! SOMEBODY HELP!
Hey, don't turn this into a big thing!
Eventually it'll start moving again!
I can't be stuck in this damn thing right now!
And when precisely is "eventually"?!
What are you claustrophobic or something?
No I'm not claustrophobic!
My wife is in labor!

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Getting out of here, dammit!
Eh? With what now?
So please, help me out!
No, it's very not good!
That's not good!
Not gonna happen sir
We're better off just waiting calmly for rescue
PLEASE HELP ME OUT, I'M BEGGING YOU!
"Help" you?
Like what do you suggest exactly?
Shout with me!

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Here I go!
Arright I'll lend you a hand.
EW no way~
That's disturbing the peace
NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO CONCERN YOURSELF WITH THAT!
Do you even want to be rescued ?!
Come on we're really going to shout?
Ready and
HEEEE ELLLP !!!
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Well
how bout IF we try
"Fire!" ?
In a messed up world like this, nobody's so decent that they'd actually come help when someone yells "Help"
Don't you think that's more likely to get some random schmoe up and moving?
If it was me I'd wanna go and see!
Uh
"Fire"?
Why don't we just go with
"Tiger" ?
Let's go with that.
You're right!
"Fire" is the way to go.
Well in that case
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Whuzzah?
I wanna see a panda
I know, right? Who wouldn't?
If it's a crowd you want, don't you think "Panda" works better?!
"Fire" is so humdrum and commonplace
If you really want to gather a crowd, why not try shouting "There's a tiger!"?
Oh, so it's humdrum, is it?!
If this were a movie or TV drama, all the characters would be in a panic.
Tigers are stronger
Pandas are more loved!
Panda!
Tiger
These guys...
How can they be so relaxed under these critical conditions?
No, it's "tiger"
Panda.
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Arrights!
Pende, let's do pende!
I'm telling you, it's tiger!
Please, enough of this crap!!
Fine, then what animal would you suggest?!
Excuse me?!
That's not the point right now, dammit!!
Do you really understand the situation at hand?!
SHAAAAAAAAAADUP!!!!!!!

The only ones who always stay civil no matter what happens are the lead character and the dead bodies. I guess!

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PLEEEASE, HELP US!!
I don't like this!
Hey man, don't go nuts.
SFX: BAMBAMBAMBAM
This is some sick joke.
Somebody, please help!
I don't want to be here another second!
Just simmer down!
SFX: Whap
And that goes for all of ya!
SFX: Hiik

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Sorry to get violent
No I I'm sorry I Freaked out
At times like this nothing's scarier than the panicking human beings themselves
Anyhoo...
why don't we all just take it easy?
Donchal think?

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Easier said than done...
I mean, why did this have to happen now?!
Don't worry! Even if you don't show up that baby'll be born all the same
They didn't have hospitals or nothin' back in primitive times and back then people were blasting out babies left and right!
Probably a lot more mothers died in labor back then t'no, though
Hey, you.
Why are you being so cold to me?
Oh, sh.IT This is how I always act
So is this baby a boy or a girl baby?
Donno
We've asked not to be told which it is

I like "Yôko"

If it's a girl

It's our first kid and all so we wanted to have that to look forward to

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No
Someone who works for me lives here so...
So you came here to hang out?
Even though your wife's got a big ol' bun in the oven?
No!
We all went out drinking after work and my subordinate drank too much so I had to play escort that's all
Huh...
Err what about you? You live here too right?
No
Then what did you come here for?
To kill myself?
Who's
Well this is the tallest building in the area
You ...
チキ
You were gonna jump off the building?!
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Thing is...
It just never goes right with one of these.
Are those scars
REAL ?!
I wouldn't lie
I'll never let you forget about me
I'm not killing myself--YOU killed me.
even the principal and vice principal
My homeroom teacher
All my class-mates
All you people who pushed me around for three years of junior high

So suck it.
A suicide voice mute?
How vivid.
Please don't try and comfort me. It'll just make me want to die even harder
Think it over! If you stay alive something good is bound to happen!
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Real heavy.
Things get heavy
Times like this

I know!
Let's sing a song to lighten the mood.
We're not in the mood right now
Obviously you "know" everything
Well then how 'bout a word game?!
COMPLETE SILENCE
Or how about a game of Kings?
We could all confess our secrets
Everybody's got at least one right?
Something you absolutely can't tell people
We'd take turns each telling a secret we'd never told anyone before

...breaking up?
So... are we...
Well then
Me first!
That's true
And it's not like we'll ever see each other again after we get out of here!
We're all perfect strangers with no names anyway
Yeah... that sounds good!
Ahh oh my god I'm so nervous! Really don't tell anyone, okay?!
Oh man, tell us, tell us!
I'll be right here to catch you!
I was a shut-in
so you see
But my big sister was special
I was getting bullied at school and my parents hated each other
So I hated everyone too

I always had a friend in her
She was the only one who really paid attention to me
She was so pretty and nice and she'd talk to me about all sorts of stuff
But as long as she was there, nothing else mattered
She was all I had
But then one day
My parents got worried about me so they contact this Youth Something-Something Center and had them send over some counselor guy
So this counselor guy starts coming to the door everyday trying to start up conversations with me
"Let's just be friends!" he would say
Wow, that's annoying
Right ?!
So I just ignored him, but the thing is

And?
She started spending more time talking with him than with me
Then he started to make friends with my sister
So I doused the Youth Something-Something Center in kerosene and burned it to the ground
It was completely obliterated!

You're joking, right?!
It was even in the newspaper
It's true
Arson ?!
I thought you were just some run-of-the-mill suicidal girl like you see all the time!
Not a one
How about the victims?
Good job not getting caught
Teehee
That's the end of my secret
It goes like this
As for mine...
This Magic drug can instantaneously put anybody to sleep.

A CAT BURGLAR ?!
My plan was to hit this apartment building today,
but with our current predicament
That's right
That's when I resort to this stuff
Running into a resident
Do you know what the most dangerous thing about being a cat burglar is?
The thing about me is
I'm a cat burglar
Do you always walk around with this stuff?
Well something like that
Chloroform or something?
七つ道具

It was three years ago
Hang on
There's more
That's a little more than just a secret!
But!
I had snuck into a house where the family was supposed to be out on vacation only to find that one of the daughters was asleep there in her bedroom
I used this drug to prevent her from waking up suddenly
As she lay there in her bed breathing ever so softly as the moonlight illuminated her body, she was indescribably beautiful
Her slender legs white as sugary candy exuded an aroma just as sweet and it tickled my nostrils
and it was RIGHT THEN!
I forgot my role as a mere thief and committed a mortal, unforgivable sin...
A mortal sin?

You're the enemy of women!
Says the arsonist.
You're scum!
Yup
You mean while she was sleeping?!
I raped her.
I may remind you that it was only that one time.
The devil made me do it
These people are psychotic!
Sure.
Just be careful with it
I wanna try
Say
Holding that drug.

THERE'S SOMETHING VERY WRONG IN THIS DARK, SEALED ROOM

WOW!
You kidnapped?
How little?!
Stop this!
Around seven
maybe?
I don't want to listen to it anymore!
It was a hot summer's day and I was passing by a pachinko parlour when I saw the girl there all by herself.
Her stark white hat and stark white dress were gleaming
She said she was waiting for her mom to finish playing pachinko.
PACHINKO
I asked her if she wanted ice cream and got her in my car
Then I took her out to the mountains and...
And?
What did you do?!

This is the worst night of my life.
Let me quit while I'm ahead
What'd you do to her?!
Hey bell be!
I brought her back where I found her thirty minutes later
Come on,
that's not Pair!
a cat burglar rapist
and a pedophile
With an arsonist
Stuck in the elevator of my mistress's apartment building
Why would I be?
Like if I tell someone I'll be forgiven?
I'm supposed to tell these freaks my secrets?

I'm gonna break up with Yoko tomorrow!

For Manami's sake

For the sake of my newborn child

And for my own sake

You, buddy.
Next up is...
I don't really have any secrets.
Bullshit.
You've gotta have something.
What's it?
I mean if I have to say I guess I've run something a couple red lights.
There really isn't
You don't have to tell us the ending
Are you trying to weasel out of this?!
Shit.
Quit lying to us!
Spit it out!
Let go of me, please!
I'm not a criminal like you guys!
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I'm sorry. I went too far.
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Come on, just tell us.
We're not gonna tell anyone else about this.
I really don't have any
I'm telling you, there's nothing to tell!
Cough it up!

really necessary?
Is this
What did you say
you came to this building for again?
What's the big deal?! Any decent boss would do the same!
I knew it
It's a woman! Something's fishyyy!
To drop off my drunk coworker
Is your coworker a woman?
No!
Are you having an affair? You're having an affair aren't you?
This isn't the first time you come to this mansion, right?"
Yes
So what?

Damn! This guy lives here!
You were here on Saturday or Sunday
with some long-haired girl with a shopping bag weren't you?
Was that your co-worker?
Ya don't say
Weekend shift at the supermarket?
I think you've got the wrong guy...
Today was my first time here
I think you can stop with the lies
Come on already

It's true
We're dating
Your wife is pregnant
Some husband you are!
I'm sorry

Say
What if we never make it out of here?
So you get a call that she was having contractions in the middle of your affair
and now the elevator's stuck
Today
is not your day
Come on
That's not going to happen
We're in the middle of a metropolis
We've got a security camera!
It might just be a dummy
Lots of places use 'em
Tomorrow morning somebody's bound to
Today's Friday, right?
If people just think the elevator's out of order we might not get out of here until the beginning of next week
We'll starve to death!

In which case...

So she'll find her husband's dead body in the apartment building of his secret lover
Manami!
I wonder how your wife'll feel about that
I don't want to hurt her
Manami
What if you left her a final message?
Hmm, that's a good question
What should I
What should I do?!

Want to use this?
I'm preparing for the worst you should leave her with a message of your true feelings
I'm sure it would help
A final message
A final message?
ピポパ
Ho-
I guess it means I m no longer of this world
If you re listening to this
Manami

We've been married for three years now
the two of us repeating the same thing
day in and day out
For better or worse
I thought our peaceful life would go on
like that forever
Take good care of our child
I'm sorry I couldn't be there at the birth
Was our child born safe and sound?
Is it a boy or a girl?
I was a fool.
My loving wife stood by my side everyday, unchanging
That alone was a miracle
My desires emerged
I was entranced
But a year ago
The beautiful, talented ambitious Yoko confessed her feelings to me.

I'm sorry for betraying you
But now I finally realize
The one I love is...
ピロリロ ピロリロ
What's that noise?!
ピロリロ
Forget it, continue!
ピロリロ
The one you love is?
Who?!
?
ピロリロ
Isn't that a cell phone alarm?
ピロリロ
Stop recording!
SFX: ピロピロピロピロ (cell phone ringer noise)

Oh
Sorry.
It was me!
You mean you had a cell phone?!
You?!
Well have to take sleeping aid drugs every night so I always set this alarm so I don't forget.
Who would've thought it still rings when the battery's drained!
Uh
Um...
Wanna use it?
Something's seemed off all along
.....
Not one of us having a useable cell phone in this day in age
the fact that everyone's bizarrely calm under these severe circumstances

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